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The students in Jersey never knew...

Several New Jersey college students active in the National Student Association yesterday expressed surprise with the group's apparent connection with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Michael Haroz of Baltimore, a Princeton University senior, said revelation of the CIA tie was a complete shock to him. Haroz was a delegate at the 1965 summer convention at Haverford, Pa.

"I'm curious to find out the exact nature of the connection before I reach any conclusions about the NSA," he said.

ANOTHER VIEW

"On an international level the NSA is designed to increase awareness of international affairs at its member schools and to work toward free universities in free societies throughout the world," Haroz said.

Robert T. Burdsall, from Oak Park, Ill., Princeton junior, was last year's NSA coordinator at Princeton.

"I was not aware of any CIA connection," he said. "I understand two or three national officers each year knew about it."

"This is an embarrassing situation which can be viewed both positively and negatively," he said. "A negative view would be NSA is accepting money in exchange for information."

A positive view, he said, would be that NSA accepted funds with no strings attached.

"We'll have to wait and see what the exact relation was."

A CHAIRMAN

He explained that at Princeton the NSA had not taken any political action but had set up discount program for students with town merchants and a travel bureau.

Frank Nero, of Newark State College, the regional NSA chairman, added: NSA has adopted resolutions opposing the military draft and also the Johnson Administration policy in Vietnam.

Nero said he heard about the tie-in with the CIA a month ago from a member of NSA's central office.